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# **Dutch Minister Camiel Eurlings signs agreements in the Antilles and Aruba Dutch Kingdom cooperation to ensure top of the line** aviation and maritime service



ORANJESTAD -- The Netherlands, Netherlands Antilles and Aruba will cooperate more firmly in the field of air and marine transportation. Minister of Transport and Water Affairs from The Netherland Camiel Eurlings was on Curação and Aruba earlier this week to sign the agreements. The aim is to ensure that the cooperation between the countries is more effective and efficient.

The Netherlands will also

provide assistance to the meteorological service of the Netherlands Antilles and Aruba, MDNA&A, which upon the restructuring of The Netherlands Antilles on October 10, 2010, will resort under Curação. According to Minister Eurlings, the data of the service are of vital importance for the security of aviation and shipping. The Dutch meteorological institute, the KNMI, will support the MDNA&A, and this cooper-

ation is also part of the agreements signed this week. It entails a reshuffling of responsibilities and also airspace that will now resort under the Aruba jurisdiccion, said Aruba Minister of Transport Otmar Oduber.

The Netherlands, Curação and Aruba already work closely on various areas regarding aviation and maritime affairs. Now with the formation of a platform in which all the Dutch countries are represented it is possible to guarantee that everything is handled, particularly when it comes to shipping and other maritime matters, that the safety and security, as well as environmental standards comply to what is expected legally and internationally.

Minister Eurlings said that the agreements will benefit all the countries, including Aruba as aviation and shipping are crucial for economic development. "We want to promote them and at the same time establish high standards in order for the services to be top of the line,"



he said this week on Aruba.

With these agreements, every traveler to all countries within the Dutch ingdom will be guaranteed of the same, standard procedures, which is why this news was already published in all the international aviation news sources. This will include the three islands, Bonaire, Saba and St. Eustatius, soon a special municipality of The Netherlands. The NAATC will provide assistence to the air traffic control system for these islands, with the moral and financial backing of The Netherlands.

Camiel Eurlings who will step down from politics as soon as the new Dutch Government is formed, said that he is happy to have worked closely with the new Aruba government.

"I see a government that is working on a constructive manner for the improvement of the Aruban society, a government that wants to be a friend in the Kingdom."

He said he considered it important to send out the message that Aruba is a strong and good partner within the Dutch Kingdom.



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# Hurricane Alex spins past oil rigs toward Mexico

PLAYA BAGDAD, Mexico -Hurricane Alex picked up strength in the Gulf of Mexico as it headed for land yesteray, flooding parts of the Mexican coast but staying clear of oil fields to the relief of crude markets.

The first named storm of the 2010 Atlantic season, Alex's winds of 85 mph bent over palm trees near the port city of Matamoros across from Brownsville, Texas, while its rains swamped beaches. Soaked Mexican marines in towns in Tamaulipas state ushered residents and fisherman into shelters as 10-foot (3meter)-high waves slammed into the shore.

Alex looked set to weaken back to a storm today, but its rains had already flooded highways as far inland as the industrial city of Monterrey.

In addition to hampering efforts to control the massive BP Plc oil spill off the Louisiana coast, Alex forced oil and gas companies to cut back production, but the hurricane remained on a steady course well southwest of major U.S. offshore facilities.

Oil prices have fallen since Friday as Alex's path churned away from U.S. oil fields, but energy companies still shut down production of more than

421,000 barrels per day of oil, about a quarter of the Gulf's output, as a precaution.

Mexican state oil monopoly Pemex has kept its oil platforms, which are farther south in the Gulf, operating since Alex formed, and the government yesterday reopened the Gulf ports of Cayo Arcas and Dos Bocas, which ship about 80 percent of Mexico's crude exports, as Alex moved on. The ports had been closed since Sunday.

Alex will likely start weakening as it hits land, the U.S. National Hurricane Center

### Strong earthquake hits Mexico, one dead

OAXACA, Mexico - A strong 6.2-magnitude earthquake struck southern Mexico early yesterday, leaving one man dead and shaking buildings as far away as Mexico City but sparing infrastructure from serious damage.

The U.S. Geological Survey said the quake struck near the town of Pinotepa Nacional, around 80 miles southwest of the colonial city of Oaxaca, Police patrols checking surrounding towns did not report fallen build-

In the small coastal village of San Andres Huaxpaltepec near the epicenter a falling

beam crushed a 46-year-old man as he slept at home, said Luis Zarate, head of the emergency services service in the state of Oaxaca.

In the historic center of the city of Oaxaca people felt the tremor strongly and several hotels were evacuated briefly.\

The USGS reported the quake as magnitude 6.5 but later revised the figure to 6.2, also moving the epicenter slightly.

The Pacific Tsunami Warning Center had no warning or advisory in place and hotels in beach resorts like Puerto Angel also reported no damage.

### Russia and U.S. downplay spy case; suspect on run

MOSCOW, Russia - Russian and the United States sought to shield improving ties from fallout in a Cold War-style espionage case yesterday, while a key suspect went missing after jumping bail in Cyprus.

After initially attacking the U.S. announcement of the arrest of 10 spy suspects as "baseless and improper" -raising the specter of a diplo-

matic standoff -- Moscow stepped back with more conciliatory comments.

Neither nation wants to undermine fragile improvements in long-strained ties, political analysts said.

"We expect that the incident involving the arrest in the United States of a group of people suspected of spying for Russia will not negatively af-

fect Russian-U.S. relations," a Foreign Ministry official said, on condition of anonymity.

U.S. officials echoed Russian hopes that the scandal, which had echoes of the fiction of John le Carre, would not ruin the relationship "reset" initiated by U.S. President Barack Obama and embraced by Russian President Dmitry

# **U.S. fines BP**

WASHINGTON - The U.S. Department of Interior said yesterday it fined BP Plc a civil penalty of \$5.2 million for submitting "false, inaccurate, or misleading" reports for energy output on tribal lands in Col-

It was the first big fine evied by the Interior Departagement Service.

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ment's Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement, formerly known as the Minerals Man-

Southern Ute tribal auditors said said BP reported incorrect royalty rates, prices and production of oil or natural gas on



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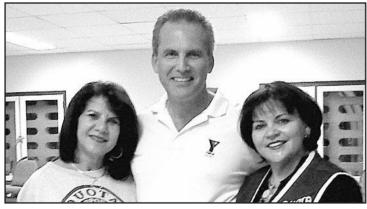
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### **YMCA** raises Afl. 90,388.50 during Celebrity Telethon Caribbean Fest





YMCA raised a whopping 90,388.50 during their annual fundraising event, which was held this time in San Nicolas. The funds enables the organization to continue with their community work and projects for the whole year. During the month of July YMCA will organize another fundraising and all who did not have the time to make a donation can still do so

YMCA also wants to thank all those who worked hard during the Caribbean Fest.

A special 'thank you' goes to the MCs Malayka Rasmijn, Hendrik Croes, Ruben Traxx, Cherryldine Muller and Ruben Garcia for their tremendous job, and 24ora.com/Community Channel 49 and Telearuba for their coverage during the event.

Thank you goes also to all the different bands who entertained the public.

But most important, a big

'thank you' goes to all who made generous donations.

ister of Finance Mike de Meza and his wife Dr. Brigitte Every, who gave a helping hand. Both are long time members of the YMCA. Also to Mr. Lino Quandt of Deloitte & Touche, Jubi Naar, Serge Mansur, Miss Aruba 2010, Miss Teen Aruba 2009 and the dynamic ladies of fundraising event.

YMCA also wishes to thank Luz Marina Gonzalez and Niti Gupta, big contributors of YMCA, Dr. Boderie, Mrs. Clara de Waal, Juana Barros and all other volunteers for their enormous help and support.

Photos show YMCA volunteers with Minister of Finance Mike de Meza and Dr. Brigitte

CARACAS, Venezuela -Venezuela's state oil company PDVSA said yesterday that oil

Gratitude goes also to Min-Quota Interntional of Aruba who did a marvelous job in the call center (courtesy of SETAR NV.) answering calls during the

> severe "While there has been a moderate impact caused by small leaks, the situation is under control," PDVSA's Environmental Director Ramiro Ramirez said in a statement.

area, where the Latin Ameri-

spills in the nation's western

Lake Maracaibo were under

control and that clean-up oper-

ations would be completed

lier this month that several

Shipping sources said ear-

within a month.

cleaning.

He added that the company

was making progress in its clean-up work, but did not give details of how much oil was spilled or how much had been collected

"In no more than four weeks the clean-up operation will be completed in the affected areas," he said.

Ramirez said there had been leaks at five flow stations in the lake's Urdaneta field and blamed them on thieves vandalizing the installations to steal power cables and other

The spills, which were first detected at the start of June,

PDVSA. It later acknowledged there was a problem after local media broadcast images of leaking crude.

Last week, an opposition lawmaker who heads the legislative council of local Zulia state demanded the resignation of Venezuela's energy and environment ministers over the case.

Small spills in Maracaibo -- which is one of Venezuela's oldest oil production regions -- are common. While the government has often promised to restore the local ecosystem, its efforts so far appear to have had little impact.



### Venezuela says Maracaibo oil spills under control

#### spills in the lake had forced PDVSA to anchor at least five U.S.-bound oil tankers for Those tankers are now back in service and PDVSA said the equipment. environmental impact on the

can OPEC member produces initially denied by were much of its crude, had not been

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### Students of Scol Scucha Nos enjoys school trip with Quota International of Aruba







Scol Scucha Nos, a school specialized in teaching the hearing and speech impaired, for many years already educates these special students up until their graduation. Many have already joined the workforce or continued further with their studies.

At the end of every school year, Quota Club of Aruba, together with the teachers of the school, organizes a school trip for the students, where

they go the cinemas and afterwards are treated for lunch.

This year again the students visited the cinemas again and afterwards they were treated to lunch at Taco Bell. During the lunch Quota's President Rina Gonzalez together with Service Director Mariela Navas presented the students with a surprise gift for their excellent scholar presentation. The

students had good scores and also excelled in traffic and swimming classes.

Quota extends heartfelt congratulations to all the studens and wishes them a nice and pleasant vacation.

Photos show Mrs. Rina Gonzalez and Mrs. Mariela Navas together with the students and teachers of Scol Scucha Nos during the animated lunch.



# War crimes prosecutors cleared to call Naomi Campbell



THE HAGUE (AFP) – A war crimes court will allow prosecutors to call supermodel Naomi Campbell to testify over a "blood diamond" she was allegedly given by Liberian ex-president Charles Taylor, it said on Wednesday.

Actress Mia Farrow can also be called to the stand over claims that Campbell was given the rough diamond by Taylor after a dinner hosted by former South African president Nelson Mandela in September 1997.

"The trial chamber hereby grants the motion" filed by prosecutors in May seeking permission to call Campbell, Farrow, and the model's former agent Carole White to the stand, said a decision by the Special Court for Sierra Leone, dated June 29 and made public on Wednesday.

Campbell has refused to give evidence on the matter, but Farrow and White, both present at the dinner, were willing to do so, according to the prosecution's request to the court.

A court spokesman said Wednesday the prosecution was awaiting the outcome of a separate application for a subpoena compelling Campbell to appear.

In its filing to the court, the prosecution claimed that

White was present when the diamond was delivered, while Farrow "was told by Ms Campbell the next morning about the gift".

"She told us ... she had been awakened in the night by a knocking at her door. She opened the door to find two or three men -- I do not recall how many -- who presented her with a large diamond which they said was from Charles Taylor," Farrow said in a declaration in the hands of prosecutors.

The prosecution alleges the rough diamond was among those Taylor had obtained from Sierra Leone rebels and took to South Africa "to sell ... or exchange them from weapons".

Taylor, 62, has been on trial in The Hague since January 2008 on 11 counts of war crimes and crimes against humanity stemming from the 1991-2001 civil war in neighbouring Sierra Leone.

He is accused of having fuelled war there by arming the rebel Revolutionary United Front (RUF) in exchange for "blood diamonds" -- the name given to diamonds mined in rebel-held regions of Africa and sold to fund warfare.

The RUF is blamed for the mutilation of thousands of civilians who had their hands and arms severed in one of the most brutal wars in modern history, which claimed some 120,000 lives.

Prosecutors said they had not known about the Campbell diamond, which they consider "material" to the case, until June 2009 -- by which time they had already closed their case, now in the phase of hearing defence witnesses.

# Kingdom Leadership Institute graduates celebrate; new course starting soon





The Kingdom Leadership Institute, founded by Pastor Lizette Malmberg in 2008, celebrated their inaugural commencement exercises on Friday, June 25, the same day Lizette welcomed noted author and speaker Johnny Enlow to Aruba to announce a new course beginning in August.

The Kingdom Leadership Institute awarded diplomas to their 2008-2010 classes on Friday evening with a joyful celebration of faith and accomplishment. Mr. Enlow participated by anointing the graduates in the discipline of the Seven Mountains, the subject of a book authored by him and published by Creation House in January of

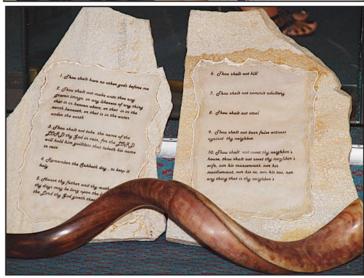
The philosophy is based on a modern-day Elijah revolution which impacts seven culture-shaping areas of influence over society: Media, Government, Education, Economy, Family, Arts and Entertainment, and Religion. These were the classes completed by over 130 graduates during the 18-month period since the inception of KLI on Aruba, with Lizette Malmberg and Linda Venezuela Leon Hernandez accepting diplomas in the Religion mount.

During the commencement exercises, Agneris Isabel Perez was singled out and honored for her academic achievement and dedication by an award of free classes with noted guest speaker OS Hillman, coming up in August.

Other instructors of international repute on the roster for 2010 include Dr. Lance Wallnau, Tommi Femrite, John Muratori and Reverend Cecil Quarmina. Dr. Wallnau is the founder of Lance Learning Group, and considered a dynamic teacher in the field of organizational and personal transformation. Tommi Femrite is the founder of Gatekeepers International, dedicated to identifying and empowering individuals as gatekeepers. Pastor Muratori is a recognized authority in organizational management and strategic planning, advising numerous agencies including the Department of Homeland Security and the Department of Mental Health and Rev. Cecil







Quarmina, Senior Pastor of the First Church of the Open Bible, San Fernando, Trinidad is considered a leader and visionary in his simple and pure approach to faith and the power of prayer.

"The greatest mistake in life is being busy, but not effective," is a motto of the

Kingdom Leadership Institutes, which conducts their programs on the second level of the Certified Mega Mall in Oranjestad. More information regarding their philosophy and upcoming roster can be found on their website, www.kli aruba.com.

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### Science/Tech

# **Could 3D Video Gaming Wreck Your Eyes?**

a cautionary editorial at Audioholics expands on industry warnings that it could well be hazardous for kids under seven.

Wait...what industry warnings?

In the wake of Nintendo's 3DS announcement at E3, company president Reggie Fils-Aime said the company would advise children under seven not to view games in 3D

"We will recommend that very young children not look at 3D images," he said. "That's because, [in] young children, the muscles for the eyes are not fully formed."

"This is the same messaging that the industry is putting out with 3D movies, so it is a standard protocol."

Speaking of, Samsung just released its own bullet list of

warnings commensurate with its new line of 3D TVs, advising that "parents should monitor and ask their children about...symptoms as children and teenagers may be more likely to experience these symptoms than adults."

"Viewing in 3D mode may also cause motion sickness, perceptual after effects, disorientation, eye strain, and decreased postural stability," continues Samsung. "It is recommended that users take frequent breaks to lessen the likelihood of these effects. If you have any of the above symptoms, immediately discontinue use of this device

and do not resume until the symptoms have subsided."

Audioholics ratchets up the rhetoric, saying those warnings "come after years of industry spin and cover ups," and that "the truth is that prolonged viewing of 3D video may be even more harmful than the consumer electronics industry wants you to know."

The problem, they claim, involves stereopsis and strabismus. The former is how



we see the world in 3D: Two eyes out front that intake slightly different images to provide depth perception. The latter is what happens when both eyes don't focus properly on the same point in space, throwing off binocular vision and goofing up depth perception, or leading to amblyopia, aka "lazy eye," a condition in which the brain favors one eye over another, leading to poor vision in the "weak" eye.

Next: "It's never too late to learn bad habits that could create visual problems."

According to Optometrists Network, "a network of interconnected patient education and optometric web sites which educate the public about visual health," two Harvard Nobel laureates in the early 1960s identified a "critical period"--up to age sevenduring which brains are still "learning" stereopsis. While recent neuroplasticity research suggests it's "never to late" to improve strabismus, Audioholics surmises conversely that it's "never too late to learn bad habits that could

create visual problems."

Resting their exhortation about the perils of 3D on reports of "nausea, disorientation or postural instability, and visual symptoms" culled from data collected by Standard Research Lab some 15 years ago for Sega's failed VR headset, Audioholics advises "protecting yourself and your family by using that new [3D] HDTV

for standard 2D viewing a majority of your time."

So is Audioholics right, or just being alarmist?

It's hard to say without taking an equally indefensible position. We're still in the nascent stages of mass 3D adoption. We're not (yet) viewing images using iterations of stereoscopic technology for hours, days, and weeks on end. We thus lack the necessary up-to-date research to say much definitively at this point. Audioholics simply builds on what others have have already been saying, in turn built on dated 1990s research.

### Green Corner

#### **Making Fleas Flee and Ticks Take Off**



Every spring and summer, fleas and ticks cause misery to people and animals. On pets, they can spread disease and parasitic infections. Bored with frolicking in fur, they may decide to feast on humans. Ouch!

How do you get rid of them - without harming your family or the earth? Here are some tips:

Most commercial flea and tick sprays contain carbaryl, which works by attacking pests' nervous systems. But carbaryl also can harm developing fetuses in both animals and humans.

Fortunately, there are less-toxic alternatives. For example, some pesticides contain pyrethrin, a natural ingredient made from chrysanthemums. It works just as well, though it still should be used with care

Many pesticides don't affect insects' eggs and larvae, which represent 95% of the flea population. That may require a kind of pesticide called a "growth regulator." They keep eggs from becoming adults.

Another way to keep fleas off pets is to add garlic and brewer's yeast to pets' meals, which makes pets taste bad to bugs. Many such products are sold in pet supply stores. But pets may need to take these remedies for several weeks before they work.

Don't overlook the basics. Keep your pet clean. Use a fine-toothed flea comb on your pet to remove existing fleas. And don't forget to dust and vacuum regularly. Fleas simply hate clean homes.

FACT: For every flea found on your pet, there may be as many as 100 more lurking nearby!



### **HEALTH & LIVING**

# Surprising uses for aspirin



In this age of flashy new a chemical called salicin, is medicines and cutting-edge medical treatments, it's comforting to find a simple cure that's tried and true. In 400 BCE, the Greek physician Hippocrates described the healing powers of willow bark, which he recommended for easing pain and reducing fevers. It turns out that willow bark's active ingredient,

the foundation of aspirin.

Healers used willow bark to treat pain and inflammation for centuries, and since the 1700s, chemists and doctors used salicylic acid for medicinal purposes, but it had terrible gastrointestinal side effects.

Then, in 1897, a German chemist was searching for a new formulation to help his father's painful rheumatism. By tinkering with the chemical structure of salicylic acid, he ended up with a milder and gentler version. The pharmaceutical company he worked for, Bayer, named the compound aspirin and began marketing its new pill aggressively.

Within just a few years, aspirin was the most prescribed drug in the world. By 1915, aspirin was so ubiquitous that it became available over the counter, and it's been a staple in many medicine cabinets ever since.

What's not well-known is that aspirin does so much more than just relieve pain, reduce fever, and thin blood. Here are five surprising ways it can come in handy:

\* Aspirin is highly effective at reducing the inflammation caused by bug bites and stings. To ease swelling and itchiness, wet the area and rub an aspirin tablet on

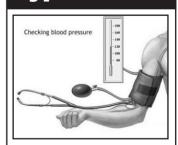
\* Cut flowers will last longer if their water includes a crushed-up aspirin tablet.

\* Because it contains salicylic acid (the same active ingredient found in many anti-acne potions), aspirin also works to reduce the appearance of pimples and other blemishes. Rubbing an aspirin paste on a blemish will help dry it out and get rid of the redness.

\* If you find that your white T-shirts accumulate yellow deodorant stains in the armpits, aspirin can fix those, too. Crush a few pills, mix them with some warm water, and soak the stains in the solution before washing. The aspirin will make the shirts look as good as new.

\* Aspirin has also been recommended for reviving dead car batteries, eliminating dandruff, killing fungus spores in the garden, and removing chlorine buildup from the hair of people who swim frequently in pools.

### Health tip: Recognize Symptoms of Hypotension



Hypotension is the medical term for low blood pressure, which means vital organs including the heart and brain may not get enough blood.

The U.S. National Library of Medicine says symptoms of low blood pressure may include:

\* Blurred eyesight.

- \* Feeling confused or dizzy.
- \* Fainting.
- \* Feeling light-headed.
- \* Feeling sleepy.
- \* A general feeling of weakness.

# Discover the Treasures Across the Bridge

Balashi
Pos Chiquito
Savaneta
Cura Cabai
San Nicolas



Entrance to the inner Bay of Spaan Lagoen



One of San Nicolas' main attractions, Charlie's Bar in the mainstreet

Crossing the Balashi Bridge to San Nicolas, you will find the Spaans Lagoen (Spanish Lagoon).

The Spaans Lagoen is the only inner bay in Aruba, resulting from rising sea levels after the last ice age. Spaans Lagoen is connected with the sea, but it is partially separated by a low-lying bridge. Located off the mouth of the lagoon there are several island keys, which together with the Spaans Lagoen area form a large natural ecological system.

Spaans Lagoen is a reefprotected area. The beach is accessed through the mangove trees in Mangel Halto, on the east side of the island. It boasts shallow waters and fine white sand. It's also an excellent spot to have a picnic lunch.

It is one of three Blue Flag beaches developing on the island. There is a gentle sandy entry to the water that is great for children and adults. Beginning scuba divers will love it and the snorkeling is excellent. It is also a wonderful area for kayaking. The Spaans Lagoen area flows into the village of **Pos Chiquito**.

Savaneta is a fishing village in southeastern Aruba. Home to the oldest surviving home in Aruba, it is the oldest town on that island and former capital. It was where the Dutch first settled after they recap-

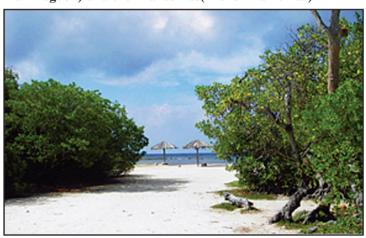
tured it in 1816. It is said that Savaneta name became during the Spanish colonization in 1840. Savaneta means Sabana chikito (small savannah).

Heading east to San Nicolas you will encounter **Cura Cabai** located along the west coast of the island.

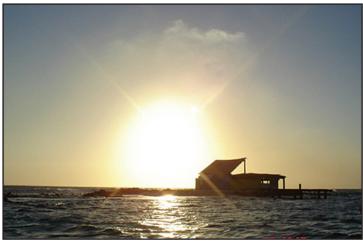
Driving further you will find Aruba's second largest city, **San Nicolas**, with the majority of residents originally hailing from the British Caribbean. The development of the city is undeniably linked to the oil refinery, the presence of which often stands in sharp contrast to the modest houses of the area and the picturesque beach spots



The ruins of the gold smelter next to the Spaans Lagoen (Spanish Lagoon) and the Franse Pas(Frenchman's Pas)



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## Impressive sunset wedding for Allison and Alan

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Allison Maltby and Alan Neely visited the Amsterdam Manor Beach Resort in 2009 to assure themselves that it was THE location of choice for their June 2010 wedding. The fact that they liked the island's climate and the people of Aruba, combined with the ambiance of the resort and furthermore the value for the dollar that Aruba and the Amsterdam Manor Beach Resort offers, were all deciding factors for them to choose this resort as their wedding location on Aruba. They left Aruba convinced that it was definitely where their wedding would be held on June 4, 2010!!!

The planning started as

soon as they returned to the USA by telephone and e-mail, both with Anne Maduro of the hotel and Lissy Lampe of Ceremonies & Celebrations on Aruba, the hotel's off site preferred wedding planner and coordinator. Although the couple had met Anne and Lissy, it was the mother of the bride who assisted the couple with most of the planning. Mrs. Maltby does the planning for most of the events at her work and is used to making more face to face contacts with the vendors when planning an event, which was not possible in this case. That made her quite nervous! She was very hesitant about this "far away

planning." Both Anne and Lissy assured her that they would comply with all the couple's wishes, but nonetheless she was very concerned about the details of the ceremony and reception.

To her amazement, by the time the group arrived on island, every single detail for the big day was ironed out, five days before the wedding. Although everything was in order, both Anne and Lissy were more than willing to make changes! And, with only a one day notice, Lissy could still arrange for a crew of manicurists to come onsite and attend several guests.

Allison and Alan brought



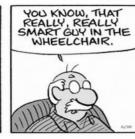
long 65 family members and friends, half of them stayed at the Amsterdam Manor Beach Resort. They expressed to the Neeyl and Maltby family that they were very impressed with the overall service at the resort, and that it was the best wedding they had attended to date!

In their own words "The official ceremony was a pleasant surprise with beautifully chosen words by the registrar clerk, their private catamaran sunset sail offered graciously by the parents of the groom as a rehearsal event was tops, the beach blessing was unbelievably intimate and special, and the private beach dinner reception couldn't have been more picturesque.

"Kudos to the staff of the Amsterdam Manor, and to Anne and Lissy in particular, for making this the wedding of our dreams," the Neelys expressed.

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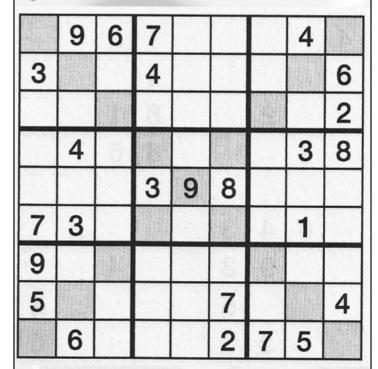
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# Wall Street reform bill wins test vote in House

WASHINGTON – A landmark Wall Street reform bill cleared a procedural test vote in the U.S. House of Representatives yesterday, setting up a final vote on passage.

The Senate will not vote until mid-July on the measure, which would curb risky trading and investing by banks, protect financial consumers and give the government a better way to deal

with failing financial firms.

The House voted 234-189 to approve a rule on how to proceed with the final vote on passage.

The bill is meant to prevent a repeat of the 2007-2009 financial crisis that dragged the economy into a deep recession, triggered massive bank bailouts and unleashed a wave of regulatory reform proposals worldwide.

After more than a year of debate, Congress is finally completing the legislation. If the Senate ultimately approves it next month, President Barack Obama was expected to promptly sign the measure into law.

Banks profits would be cut under the bill, while a new government financial consumer watchdog would be set up.

# Google faces pressure as China to decide on license

SHANGHAI. China – Google Inc could face further pressure for its other products in China as Beijing is due to decide whether or not to renew a license for the firm's flagship search engine in the world's largest Internet market.

In an effort to keep its China license, Google said yesterday it will stop automatically redirecting China users to its uncensored Hong Kong site within the next 48 hours.

Beijing has been silent on whether a compromise system will be enough to allow Google to stay in the lucrative market -- the world's largest with nearly 400 million users, where local powerhouse Baidu Inc is the top dog.

Google said that availability of its Web search service in mainland China yesterday was "partially blocked."

A total of 23 domestic firms, including Baidu Inc,

were given preliminary approval to have online mapping services, according to a document posted on China's State Bureau of Surveying and Mapping.

A senior government official said on Wednesday he did not know the specific details of Google's new approach, but reiterated the government's long-standing position that foreign companies operating in the country must respect local rules.

# Euro rises broadly on easing fears of bank funding

NEW YORK CITY - The euro rose across the board yesterday after banks borrowed less money than expected from the European Central Bank, soothing concerns over European banks' funding issues.

The tender results were keenly awaited as a gauge of how reliant European banks are on ECB emergency funding. Spanish, Portuguese and Greek banks have been the biggest users of the facilities.

Despite yesterday's gains, the euro remains on track for a loss of 9.3 percent this quarter, the third straight quarterly decline. The single currency hit a four-year low around \$1.1875 on June 7.

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## Moody's warns it might strip Spain of its Aaa rating

Moody's Investors Service put Spain's Aaa credit rating on review for a possible downgrade because of flagging economic prospects, challenging fiscal targets and rising funding costs.

The move follows Fitch Ratings' downgrade of Spain from the coveted top rating late last month. That one-notch cut added pressure to the euro and stocks. Standard & Poor's Ratings Service cut Spain to AA, two notches below the top rating, in April.

Spain passed an austerity budget in May, aiming to cut a budget deficit sharply despite an expected slowing in economic growth. It's suffering from the fallout of a collapsing real-estate boom, which has

broad implications for the rest of its economy.

Moody's said yesterday it would most likely lower its ratings on Spain by one--at the most two--notches if it decides to take action at the end of its review, which it said would complete within three months.

Kathrin Muehlbronner, the agency's lead analyst for Spain, said the country's growth prospects are weaker than those of others at the Aaa level. "In the short term, the government's accelerated fiscal consolidation combined with the higher borrowing costs currently facing the government, consumers, and businesses will likely depress growth," she added.

# Fed's Duke says bank lending dropping, may lag for years

COLUMBUS, Ohio – U.S. bank lending continues to decline even though the banking sector is recovering, and it may be years before lending returns to pre-crisis levels, Federal Reserve Governor Elizabeth Duke said yesterday.

"While it is still early in this recovery period, the return of credit to pre-recession levels has lagged that of all other cycles of the past 40 years with the exception of the 1990-91 recession," she told a bank conference.

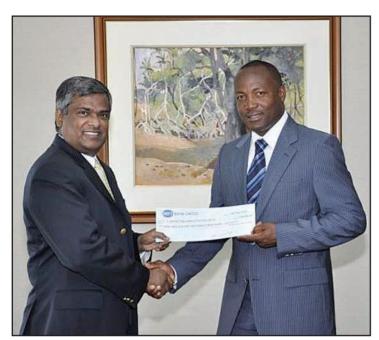
Even though the financial crisis is subsiding, lending has not recovered, said Duke, a former community banker. In April and May total loans held by commercial banks

contracted at an estimated 7-3/4 percent rate, when adjusted for the effects of an accounting change that added to the volume of loans on bank balance sheets, she said.

Bankers tell her that an uncertain regulatory environment and strict oversight has held back lending, Duke said. She said regulators do not want to encourage risky lending, but urged banks to lend to credit-worthy borrowers.

The reduction of credit is also due to a weaker demand for credit as consumers, stung by the recession, keep their wallets in their pockets, and as small business sales remain sluggish, the Fed governor said.

# **US\$188,000** to fight children's cancer



Suresh Sookoo, CEO of the RBTT Financial Group, presents a cheque of TT\$1.2 million (US\$188, 087) to Brian Lara, **Chairman of the Cancer Treatment Foundation.** 

PORT OF SPAIN, Trinidad— RBTT has contributed an additional TT\$1.2 million or the equivalent of US\$188,087 to the Cancer Treatment Foundation in Trinidad, representing funding in support of children diagnosed with cancer. In June 2009, RBC and

RBTT established the Caribbean Children's Cancer Fund, with a pledge to contribute TT\$1.2 million annually up to the year 2013, while raising additional funds through staff and public fundraisers. The fund is used to provide the treatment and care required by the children to overcome the disease, including surgery. It is also used to pay the cost of sending biopsy specimens abroad for testing, which results in faster diagnosis of the cancer, earlier treatment and a more positive prognosis.

Suresh Sookoo, CEO of RBTT Financial Group, recently presented the cheque for the second payment to Brian Lara, Chairman of the Cancer Treatment Foundation, the administrator of the Fund.

"The emotional and financial burden of paediatric can-cer is enormous," Sookoo said. "It is important that a child receives prompt and specific treatment, which can be complex and costly. The greater

the contribution to the Fund, the more children we can save from this dreadful affliction."

To date, the Cancer Fund has assisted three children diagnosed with cancer in the region. The first is a 16 year old boy from Grenada, previously diagnosed with Lymphoma; the second was a two year old boy from Trinidad and Tobago diagnosed with liver cancer; and the third was a seven year old girl in the Bahamas diagnosed with Osteogenic Sarcoma, a common type of bone cancer found in children.

Most recently, a 13 year old boy from Trinidad received a Positron Emission Tomography (PET) scan to aid in diagnosis.

Public donations and staff fundraisers have raised about US\$100,000. RBTT and the Cancer Treatment Foundation's Ribbons of Hope mall tour continues every Saturday during the months of July to September in Trinidad, to raise awareness about children's cancer and gain support for the

A children's Art Competition will be launched regionally in September to mark Childhood Cancer Awareness

# RBTT gives another Linda's Pancakes and Pizza place, delicious meals for breakfast, lunch and dinner

Linda's Pancake and Pizza place, located at Palm Beach 6D, Noord (on the right side of Valero gas station) offers patrons the most delicious Dutch pancakes and pizza's with a Dutch twist.

Open from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., and only five minutes away from the high-rise resorts, Linda's is the perfect eatery for the whole family.

Seeing the popularity of this quaint small eatery ,THE MORNING NEWS decided it was time to find out just how good Linda's really is, by sending out a team of taste

Olgita, joined by her two kids ordered a little of everything while the kids roamed around freely, enjoying the af-

The meal started out with Linda's original plain - to die for - Dutch pancakes, followed by pizza, where instead of using mozzarella Linda has created a unique twist to the traditional Italian dish by using Dutch Gouda cheese. Adding a local favorite which could not stay off the table they also sampled the delicious saté (chicken, pork or beef on a wooden skewer) with peanut sauce (Indonesian influence on local food). For the finish the team (adults only) had one cup of Linda's delicious Espresso.

The team had this to say: 'Superb! There are no words to describe just how delicious the pancakes are and the pizza is just mmm... good. The saté... out of this world!"

Besides the original plain pancake, Linda's specialty is pancakes with walnuts, Brie and honey; pancakes with banana and mango or a Dutch favorite: pancake with apple and

All their pizzas are made with Dutch Gouda cheese and different toppings making it richer in taste.

When it comes to saté, one has to say that the secret is in the sauce. Not everybody can make that perfect peanut sauce, but Linda, being an expert in the kitchen has cooked up one of the finest peanut sauces on the island, making this original Indonesian dish extra special.

If you want a specially prepared pancake or pizza, Linda is right there -- just for you -in her kitchen.

"For those who are allergic to gluten I have a special pan-



Olgita, Ilhan and Iyanla enjoying a scrumptious meal



Plain Pancake



Linda's delicious pizza prepared with Gouda Cheese



The famous Saté

cake mix, gluten free," Linda stated to THE MORNING NEWS team.

Linda's Pancakes and Pizza also offers fried eggs and homemade soups.

"We also serve American coffee." Linda concluded.

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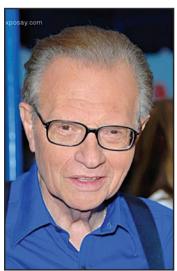
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# **CNN** mainstay Larry King quitting after 25 years



LOS ANGELES, California – Larry King, the CNN personality known for his nonconfrontational interviews, colorful suspenders and complicated personal life, said on Tuesday he would end his talk show in the fall after a 25-year reign as a key promotional stop for the rich and famous.

King, 76, said he wanted to spend more time with his family. His seventh wife reportedly attempted suicide earlier this month after the couple said in April they would divorce.

But his show, "Larry King Live," is regularly beaten in the ratings, and his eclectic guest list often confounds viewers. CNN, which had been broadcasting for only five years when King signed on, has also lost viewers to Fox News and MSNBC.

The New York Times recently reported that his average nightly audience has been cut in half since the last presidential election in 2008, to just 725,000 viewers.

King, whose contract was due to expire in June 2011, said he would still host specials for CNN.

"With this chapter closing I'm looking forward to the future and what my next chapter will bring, but for now it's time to hang up my nightly suspenders," he told viewers.

King began his career as a journalist and radio broad-caster in Florida before being wooed by CNN to host the nightly TV talk show in 1985.

He said his first interview was then-New York Governor Mario Cuomo, and since then his guests have included a who's who of world leaders, celebrities and other newsmakers of varying import. One of his biggest scoops was in 1992, when Texas billionaire Ross Perot came on the show to announce a presidential run.

King recently hosted a telethon to raise money for victims of the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico, and his show is a vital port of call for troubled celebrities, such as R&B star Chris Brown, seeking redemption.

His softball questions are often pilloried by critics, but his style also helps attract wary stars, such as Mick Jagger and Eric Clapton, who know that they won't have to discuss any challenging issues.

Tuesday's program included comedian Bill Maher and U.S. General David Petraeus, the recently appointed head of military operations in Afghanistan.

King is a member of the Radio Hall of Fame and Broadcasters Hall of Fame, while "Larry King Live" is in the Guinness Book of World Records as the longest running show with the same host in the same time slot.

# Scottish ghosts of Boer War roam South African plain



MAGERSFONTEIN, South Africa – Springboks bound amongst the thorn bushes of Magersfontein during a sunfilled South African day.

But local people say that the night belongs to the ghosts of Scottish soldiers who were cut down by Boer bullets in a battle here more than 100 years ago.

A Celtic Cross memorial dedicated to the dead of the Highland Brigade sits atop Magersfontein Koppie.

The view across the veld from the rocky hill looks just as it might have done that December day in 1899 -- a vast, flat expanse of beige grass, boulders and small trees.

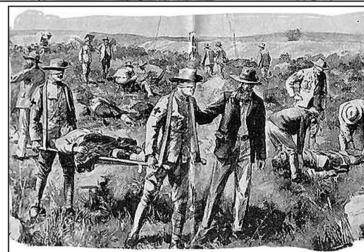
The Boer trenches from where withering gunfire tore into the marching, kilted Highlanders still lie at the foot of the hill.

"Scotland is poorer in men but richer in heroes," the inscription on the memorial reads.

The Anglo-Boer War battle took place during the Boer siege of Kimberley, a strategic diamond mining town. A British relief column advanced along the Cape railway line and in three earlier clashes, forced the Boer commandos to pull back.

The Boers planned to make a stand at Magersfontein, an outcrop about 30 km south of Kimberley. But instead of defending from the heights of the koppie, as the British assumed they would, they dug camouflaged trenches around its base.

For two days, the British poured artillery fire on the hill. At dawn on December 11, the Black Watch advanced in massed ranks. Unaware of the Boer trenchline, they were 400



The British taking care of their dead and wounded after the battle of Magersfontein

meters from the hill when their foes opened up. They were cut down in scores while the bagpipers played on.

The Highland Brigade commander, Major General A.G. Wauchope, was among the first to die.

The Gordon Highlanders were sent in as a second wave only to suffer a similar fate. All day the wounded lay under the beating sun, crying for water while Boer snipers picked them off.

After a Boer counter-attack, confused orders led to the troops retreating. Casualties lay on the battlefield all night although stretcher bearers ventured out with lanterns to rescue those they could. A truce was called the next day.

The British withdrew to the Modder River and it was not until February that the siege of Kimberley was broken.

The Highland Brigade suffered 202 dead at Magersfontein, and 37 soldiers from the Guards and other units who also fought in the action were killed. More than 660 British troops were wounded.

The Boer forces lost 87

men, including 23 Scandinavian volunteers. All have their own memorials at different sites of the battlefield.

Marta Van Schalkwyk has run the Bagpipe Lodge and cafe on the hill for the past 30 years

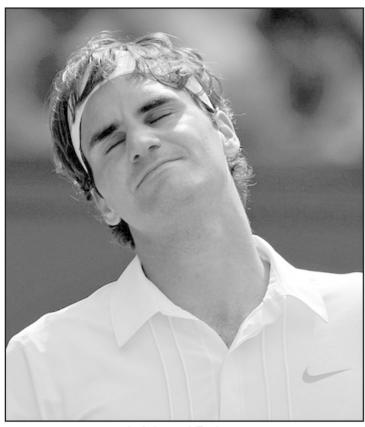
Asked about legends that the place is haunted and pipes can sometimes be heard at night, she said: "I cannot see ghosts but my son, he can. Many times he has. Men with rifles, marching forward. He says Mama', I don't like it here'."

Many visitors from Scotland, England and Scandinavia have come over the years, she

"People say 'I want to see where my grandfather died.' All the names are in the museum "

As well as plaques with the names of the dead, the little museum has guns and equipment from the battle and photographs from both sides. An audiovisual re-creation gives a chilling account of the dawn advance and subsequent carnage.

# Federer crashes out of Wimbledon



A dejected Federer

LONDON – Wimbledon legend Roger Federer crashed out of the tournament in a shock quarter-final defeat on Wednesday, opening up the path to the title for Rafael Nadal, Novak Djokovic and Andy Murray.

The Swiss defending champion, who had been gunning for a record-equalling seventh Wimbledon singles crown, was beaten 6-4, 3-6, 6-1, 6-4 by

Czech 12th seed Tomas Berdych on Centre Court, where Federer has ruled the roost for the best part of a decade.

Top seed Federer has not missed out on a Wimbledon final since 2002.

His downfall means Djokovic, Nadal and Murray will all feel their chances of claiming the crown have been greatly improved after they moved into the semi-fi-

# Williams sisters out of Wimbledon in quarterfinals



The bid by Venus and Serena Williams for a fifth consecutive Grand Slam title in doubles ended Wednesday with a loss in the Wimbledon quarterfinals. The sisters were beaten 3-6, 6-3, 6-4 by Russians Elena Vesnina and Vera Zvonareva. The Williamses climbed to No. 1 in doubles for the first time after winning the French Open. They were bidding for their 13th major championship. Serena, who will play in the

semifinals of singles Thursday, wore a bandage on her right shoulder. Zvonareva is in the semifinals of singles for the first time, and they could meet in the final.



nals, while big-serving Berdych also has a shot at glory.

World number one Nadal booked his semi-final place by coming from behind to beat Swedish sixth seed Robin Soderling 3-6, 6-3, 7-6 (7/4), 6-1.

Serbian third seed Djokovic, who has reached the semi-finals here just once before, beat Taiwan's Lu Yen-Hsun 6-3, 6-2, 6-2.

And British fourth seed Murray beat French 10th seed Jo-Wilfried Tsonga 6-7 (5/7), 7-6 (7/5), 6-2, 6-2 to also reach the Wimbledon semis for a second time.

The home favourite now faces 2008 Wimbledon champion Nadal in Friday's semi-finals, while Djokovic takes on Berdych.

"It was brutal for me," Federer said.

"Every time he had a chance, he took it... When I did have chances, I played poorly. It was just a frustrating match the way it all went.

"I'm definitely struggling at the moment.

"It's not something I'm used to doing, losing in the quarter-finals, because it's not something I've done in the last six years."

Federer said he was playing with a painful back and right leg.

"It's just uncomfortable. When you can't play freely, that's the kind of performance you get," he said.

Federer, 28, will now drop down to world number three for the first time since November 2003.

Nadal recovered from losing the first set to Soderling to win their quarter-final, using a dispute with the umpire over a line call to fire himself up and turn the match around.

In a re-run of the French Open final earlier this month, Nadal triumphed once again.

"I am feeling great. For me, another time in the semifinals of this tournament is a dream," the second seed said.

"I always try my best and I think I am playing better and better every day. In my opinion there is no one favourite right now in the tournament."

Taiwan's Lu had put out three-times beaten finalist Andy Roddick to get through to the last eight -- the best-ever Grand Slam performance by a Taiwanese player -- but was no match for the inform Djokovic.





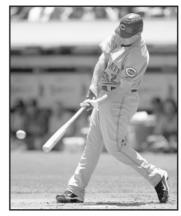


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# Bruce's homer caps Reds' rally vs. Phils



CINCINNATI -- Jay Bruce hit a go-ahead two-run home run to cap a late Reds rally in a 4-3 win over the Phillies on Wednesday afternoon.

The Reds stranded runners on base early against Phillies ace Roy Halladay, but they climbed their way back from a 3-0 deficit, starting with a Joey Votto solo home run in the sixth. Orlando Cabrera followed with an RBI single in the seventh, and Bruce put Cincinnati ahead in the eighth.

Philadelphia had control for most of the game thanks to former Reds catcher Dane Sardinha, who hit a three-run home run off Aaron Harang in the fourth. It marked the second day in a row where most of the damage done by the Phillies was from the Nos. 7 and 8 spots by players who are typically reserves.

Harang lasted 6 1/3 innings, allowing three runs and eight hits with one walk and five strikeouts.

# Philippine boxing star Pacquiao enters politics

ALABEL, Philippines – Manny Pacquiao has taken his oath as a Philippine congressman, bringing the boxing star into a political arena that he said seemed more daunting than stepping inside the ring.

The 31-year-old Pacquiao, looking a bit uneasy in an elegant formal shirt and leather shoes, pledged on Monday before about 1,000 spectators in Alabel in the southern Sarangani province to be a

good, God-fearing civil servant.

Talking to reporters later, Pacquiao said he was nervous that he could not accomplish much but he promised to try his best to ease the widespread poverty gripping his province, about 600 miles south of Manila.

It was a triumphant second try at local politics for Pacquiao, who was soundly defeated in his first run for the House of Representatives in 2007.





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### Nigeria leader bans team after World Cup fiasco

ABUJA, Nigeria (AFP) -Nigeria President Goodluck Jonathan on Wednesday banned the country's football team from international competition for two years following their dismal showing at the World Cup, his office said.

"President Goodluck Jonathan has directed that Nigeria withdraws from international competition for two years to enable the country to put its house in order," spokesman Ima Niboro told reporters after a weekly cabinet meeting.

Nigeria finished bottom of their group in South Africa with just one point from three matches.

They lost to Argentina and Greece and drew with South Korea.

Rotimi Amaechi, governor of a key oil-producing state, Rivers, who heads a special presidential task force on the World Cup campaign which includes football association

officials and former players such as John Fashanu, said Nigeria would write to football's world governing body FIFA to explain its decision.

"We went to the World Cup and found all sorts of problems and we felt we should sit back and look inward," said Amaechi.

Jonathan also ordered an audit into how the funds allocated for the team at the World Cup were used.

The decision will put Nigeria on a collision course with FIFA who take a dim view of any political interference in the independent running of national federations.

"We have not received any official information on this subject. However, in general, the position of FIFA concerning political interference is well known," said a statement released in Johannesburg.

FIFA has already voiced its opposition to French government involvement as the fallout from the 1998 champions' first round exit continues.

Raymond Domenech's squad were sent packing out of the tournament after losing 2-1 to South Africa bringing the curtain down on a dreadful campaign that saw a players' strike, insults hurled at the coach and a volley of criticism from politicians.

Domenech and ex-French Football Federation (FFF) president Jean-Pierre Escalettes were on Wednesday due to address a hearing of a French parliamentary commission into the debacle.

Nigeria's former goalkeeper Emmanuel Babayaro, said Jonathan's reaction to the Super Eagles' performance illustrated the depth of feeling in the country towards the team's below-par performance.

"It goes to reveal the pain everybody is feeling including the president, for a country with so much talent, so many resources," he said.

### Aguirre quits as Mexico coach

MEXICO CITY (AFP) -Javier Aguirre on Wednesday resigned as Mexico coach following the team's defeat to Argentina in the last 16 of the World Cup.

The 50-year-old replaced ex-England manager Sven-Goran Eriksson in April 2009, but Sunday's 3-1 defeat to Argentina in Johannesburg was the fifth successive time the country had failed at the second round stage.

"It's very clear. The first person responsible is me. I believe that I have to resign my job," Aguirre told a news conference.

"It's the most honest solution, the fairest and it's something I have to do.'

Aguirre was in his second spell as national coach having qualified Mexico to the 2002 World Cup where they were eliminated by the United States in the last 16.

He also led Mexico to the 2001 Copa America final where they lost to Colombia in Bogota.

Mexico's best performance at a World Cup was a run to the quarter-finals in 1970 and 1986 when both tournaments were staged at

### Forlan fired up for Ghana test

Uruguay striker Diego Forlan said Tuesday he was all fired up for his team's FIFA World Cup quarter-final against Ghana.

"We are well prepared we are having a good World Cup," said the Atletico Madrid striker ahead of Friday's test at Soccer City in Johannesburg against the sole African survivors. "We are following the instructions of [coach Oscar] Tabarez and we are confident we can reach the semi-finals to give joy to our people," said the former Manchester United striker.

Luis Suarez, with his three goals in the competition to Forlan's early double against South Africa, is the man who has been in the spotlight in recent days thanks to his stellar winner against Korea Republic but Forlan says there is no ego contest.

"We are a team and we all work together," he insists. "The truth is that Luis and I have a great relationship and I am happy he hit those decisive two goals [against the South Koreas in the Round of 16]. That's the reason we have got to where we are."



### Rajevac staying relaxed

Coach Milovan Rajevac is confident Ghana can deal with the pressure of attempting to become the first African side to reach the World Cup semi-finals.

Ghana take on Uruguay in Johannesburg on Friday after overcoming the United States in their last-16 match. They are the only African country left in the tournament and Rajevac feels his young crop of players are growing in belief and confidence.

He said: "We are not thinking about the pressure. We played very well at the African Nations so we have already proved that we are a team that knows how to compete. We will try to relax. You know it is good for us to be here. We are very happy with the whole situation.

"We have no obligation but still we want to use this opportunity to do our best and to make history. We have a lot of new players but they are all growing in confidence and they are all doing their best. The unity of the team is the most important quality we have. We just take one match at a time and try to do our best. Of course, sometimes you feel a little pressure. This is the highest level there is but we just try to do our best every match. We give the maximum."

Rajevac insists Ghana will not alter their style to combat the threat of Diego Forlan, who has been in sparkling form for Uruguay. He said: "Uruguay have been very impressive. They are a South American nation with players playing in the best leagues in Europe.

"They have to be one of the best teams in the world. They deserve every respect and Forlan is a fine player. But we will play the way that has brought us success so far.



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# Swapping tradition for success

For certain footballing nations, simply winning a game is not enough for their demanding supporters. Take Brazil and the Netherlands, for example, whose legendary sides at the 1970 and 1974 finals, respectively, played beautiful football that subsequent generations have struggled to match.

When two such nations meet, one might expect an open, expansive encounter, but that is not what many are predicting for 2 July's clash in Nelson Mandela Bay/Port Elizabeth at the quarter-final stage of the 2010 FIFA World Cup<sup>TM</sup>. Quite the contrary in fact, for both Dunga and Bert van Marwijk's charges have been favouring a more cagey counter-attacking style so far, a tactic which suits their solid



backlines and quick, skilful front-runners.

The numbers back up the supremos' choice of strategy though, with the five-time world champions winning three and drawing one of their four games here at South Africa 2010 and the two-time finalists boasting a 100 per cent record. Even though A Verde e Amarelo have scored eight goals to the Elftal's seven, with both having conceded just twice, calls for their national teams to play more vibrant, attacking football have been frequent and vocal in the two countries' media.

"Of the European sides, the Netherlands are perhaps most similar to us South Americans in terms of technical ability," said Dunga on the speed and quality that the likes of Arjen Robben and Wesley Sneijder can bring to



duce teams that play nice

football. They're not a team

that just defends or one that

plays a long-ball game.

They've got very technical

players and we need to be

ready for that."

The mutual love-in continued with Van Marwijk, who chose to highlight the current Brazil team's steely defence. "Brazil have six really impressive defensive players and attackers who are capable of making a difference at any moment. They're a solid side," said the former Feyenoord and Borussia Dortmund boss.

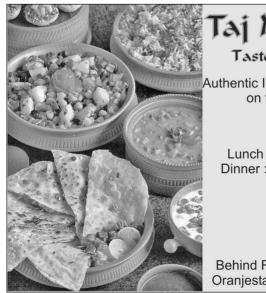
Who will blink first?

With both teams happy for their opponents to take the initiative, thus leaving spaces behind to exploit on the break, is there a danger Friday's proceedings will bear more resemblance to chess than the beautiful game? "We need to carefully study the Netherlands' previous matches, but I'm sure that they're a team that will try and play football," said Brazil No10 Kaka in the wake of a textbook counterpunching display by A Seleção in the 3-0 Round of 16 win over Chile.

"I'm not sure whether they'll really go for it against us, but they will try and play football," added the Real Madrid star, with Sevilla striker Luis Fabiano echoing his countryman's views: "From what I've seen, the Netherlands are quite attacking and have players who are good going forward. I think that they'll try and take the game to us, so we'll have to be careful because they're very dangerous. That said, any team that tries to attack Brazil are playing with fire."

Van Marwijk has an idea of what to expect come Friday. "We've controlled the play in all our games so far; we've scored seven goals and only conceded two and we've hardly been in any danger. But I think that's going to change when we meet Brazil."

Whatever happens, with the likes of Robben, Robinho, Kaka, Sneijder, Fabiano and Robin van Persie involved, and given both teams' sparkling recent form, the Port Elizabeth Stadium is certain to play host to a fascinating encounter.



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